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MEMORANDUM FOR: ANYONE

SUBJECT: Request for Evaluations

1. This Office requires from time to time certain evaluations of foreign political developments upon which to base its planning. Our concern is to obtain an official estimate which we can include in our planning papers. However we do not necessarily require an IAC evaluation; it may be that the OES staff may wish unilaterally to satisfy such requirements as the following:

a. An estimate of not over 200 words of the will and ability of western European peoples to resist Communism over the period of the next two years. This does not envisage actual occupation of Western Europe by the Red Army. It would be useful if areas of special vulnerability to Communism were indicated.

b. A brief estimate of the possible growth of anti-Americanism in Western Europe in the next two years. The likelihood of the growth of "neutralism", rising in strength as Western Europe re-arms should be discussed. Will this re-arming give Western Europe the strength from which to negotiate as a Third Force in world politics? Indication of critical countries or key areas would be desirable as pointing to target priorities for this Office.

2. Your comments as to the feasibility of the production of estimates such as the above, the purpose of which is to guide our planning staff, will be appreciated.

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Bill - I have been informed that this idea was informally tested out in advance by some of my people with some of yours. If you have any questions please let me know.

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Memo from Frank G. Wisner, ADPC to AD/ORE.
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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

States that on occasion OPC requires official (but not necessarily IAC) evaluations of foreign political developments on which to base its planning. Asks whether it would be feasible to produce two such estimates: (a) brief estimate on western European ability to resist Communism over next two years, and (b) brief estimate of growth of anti-Americanism in Western Europe.

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